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FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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Scott will receive one of nursing's highest honors

A Grand Valley professor will receive one of her discipline's highest honors when she is inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in November.

Kirkhof College of Nursing Professor Linda Scott was selected as an AAN fellow largely for her research on staff nurse work hours and the impact of work schedules on patient safety. Scott has teamed with Ann Rogers, professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, to study correlations between nurse fatigue and patient errors.

Their first paper was published in 2004. Scott and Rogers, who is also an AAN fellow, began working together in 2002; they have since conducted two major studies that have been widely publicized, cited more than 100 times and have provided the base for Institute of Medicine and the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations recommendations related to work hours, fatigue and patient safety.

Scott, who also serves as director of KCON's undergraduate degree programs, said being named an AAN fellow is an honor. She is thrilled to work with other fellows on addressing health care issues and policies. "I've always wanted to make a difference in some way; first as a nurse, and now with our students as a faculty member," she said. "This is making a difference from a scientific base and hopefully affecting policies."



Linda Scott

Cynthia McCurren, dean of KCON, said Scott demonstrates the high caliber of nursing faculty at Grand Valley. "Linda has demonstrated a commitment to the discipline of nursing as

evidenced by her engagement in academic, clinical, and administrative practice, as well as the establishment of a sustainable program of research," McCurren said.

Research by Rogers and Scott continues. Scott said she received a grant from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation to study fatigue countermeasures (strategic naps, completely relieved breaks combined with increased sleep hours) and their impact on nurses.

The AAN ceremony is November 8 in Scottsdale, Arizona, where 92 professionals will be inducted into the academy.

Scott received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Michigan State University, a master's degree in nursing administration from Grand Valley, and a doctorate in nursing and health care systems from the University of Michigan.

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NCAA visit



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Myles Brand, NCAA president, answers questions during a news conference September 6 in the Kirkhof Center. Brand spent the day at Grand Valley, talking to coaches and student-athletes and touring campuses before making the Directors' Cup presentation during the football game. He called Grand Valley 'one of the best' campuses he has visited and said winning the trophy for top overall athletic program for the fifth straight year was remarkable.

Public comments sought for re-accreditation

Grand Valley is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The university will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit October 13-15 by a team of 13 peer evaluators representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

Grand Valley has been accredited by the commission since 1968. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

The public is invited to mail comments regarding Grand Valley to the Public Comment on Grand Valley State University; The Higher Learning Commission; North Central

Association of Colleges and Schools; 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400; Chicago IL 60602. Comments can be submitted online at www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. They must be in writing and signed, with the address and telephone number of the person providing comments. Comments cannot be treated as confidential and must be received by October 10.

Autism Center receives national award

Grand Valley's Statewide Autism Resources Training project has been selected to participate in a national program aimed at improving the implementation of evidence-based practices for students with autism spectrum disorder.

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der. The MIND Institute at the University of California at Davis School of Medicine will work with START on the grant, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

“We will be leading this statewide effort to improve outcomes for students with ASD,” said Amy Matthews, director of START. “This effort will lead to more coordinated services and better ways to measure outcomes to see if we are really impacting kids and changing their learning, social interactions and quality of life.”

The project, awarded by the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders, begins in January. Michigan was one of three states selected to participate in the program.

The START program also helped Saginaw Township Community Schools win the 2008 Michigan’s Best Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards. The START project worked with the school district by providing training on how to use peer-to-peer support for students with autism to improve educational outcomes.

Bias incident cards get update

Members of the Team Against Bias have updated the Bias Incident Protocol. New cards with updated language have been sent to all departments; these replace last year’s orange card.



Marlene Kowalski-Braun, co-chair of TAB and director of the Women’s Center, said the cards detail how to recognize a bias incident and how to report one. For faculty and staff, she added, the cards are especially useful when helping students reach a university office to report an incident. The protocol, including responses by university administrators when an incident occurs, is online and can be found at www.gvsu.edu/protocol.

In mid-August, TAB members trained housing resident assistants and multicultural assistants on the protocol. University departments are encouraged to participate in bias incident protocol training; for more information, send an e-mail to Kowalski-Braun at kowalskm@gvsu.edu.

CHS used as host for mock disaster

Students, faculty and staff members from Grand Valley participated in a mock disaster on September 13, led by the Region 6 Bio-Defense Network Coalition.

The drill took place at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences and centered on how emergency personnel handle the needs of special populations and the disabled during a disaster.

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Welcome international faculty



Photo by Amanda Pitts
Filiz Dogru, assistant professor of mathematics, speaks at the International Faculty Friends event September 4 at the Alumni House. The next event for international faculty members and their supporters is October 29.

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Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Roger Moiles, instructor of political science, was interviewed by WZZM-TV Channel 13 for a story about former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

Robert Deaner, assistant professor of psychology, was interviewed by the *New York Times* for a story about his research on the gender gap among distance runners.

Danielle Wiese, assistant professor of communications, will appear weekly on WZZM-TV Channel 13 to discuss communications aspects surrounding the presidential election.

Sketches

Emily Jean McFadden, professor of social work, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Social Workers, Michigan Chapter, in Lansing. She gave presentations, “The Ethics of Professional Practice,” for Bethany International Agency in Grand Rapids; and “The Impact of War on Children and Families,” at Lakeshore Women for Peace in Holland.

Jacques Mangala, assistant professor of political science and African and African American Studies, gave a presentation, “Harnessing the Power of the African Diaspora: Institutional and Policy Dynamics,” at the First Global Conference on Diasporas held at Oxford University in England.

Jim Penn, assistant professor of geography and planning, co-wrote an article, “Camu-Camu: A Sustainable Option of Agroindustry in the Peruvian Amazon,” published in the FAO journal *Non-Wood News*.

Richard Staelzel, associate professor of music, presented recitals and master classes throughout Turkey as a soloist with the Ankara Symphony Orchestra. He was a Yamaha Performing Artist and Teacher at Music for All/Bands of America in Illinois, and served as performer/teacher at the Masterworks Festival in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Elaine Sterrett Isely, research associate at the Annis Water Resources Institute, and **Paul Isely**, associate professor of economics, gave a presentation, “The Effects of Changing Land Use on Ecosystem Services Values in West Michigan,” at the Ecological Society of America’s Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. AWRI staff members **Alan Steinman** and **Kurt Thompson** were co-authors on the study.

Mark Staves, associate professor of biology, co-wrote an article, “Model Scientists,” published in *Communicative and Integrative Biology*.

Teresa Castelao-Lawless, professor of philosophy, was named to the editorial board of the Romanian journal *Cultura: an International Journal of Philosophy of Culture and Axiology*. She also belongs to the scientific editorial board of *Brazilian Cahiers Gaston Bachelard*.

What's Ahead

Vice president begins Her Story series

Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, will kick off the sixth year of the "Her Story" series, with a discussion set for Wednesday, September 17, beginning at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2270.

Sponsored by the Women's Center and Women's Commission, Her Story is a series of informal talks by women in leadership positions who speak personally about their career paths, job adversities and triumphs.

All faculty and staff members are welcome to attend; participants may bring their lunches.

Hauenstein events celebrate Constitution Day

The Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies will host two events that celebrate Constitution Day.

On Wednesday, September 17, two Michigan politicians will debate the presidential nominees at 7 p.m. in Loosemore Auditorium of the DeVos Center. Sen. Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit, supports Barack Obama's candidacy, while veteran Republican politician G.J. Rusty Hills supports John McCain.

Thomas is a second-term member in the Michigan Senate, serving the state's Fourth District. He is one of the few Michigan legislators who has held leadership positions in both houses of the Michigan legislature. Hills is the communications director for Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, teaches at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, and serves as chancellor and founder of Holy Spirits Institute, a non-profit educational venture in Lansing.

On Thursday, September 18, E. J. Dionne, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, *Washington Post* columnist, and commentator on NPR, CNN, and NBC's "Meet the Press,"

will deliver a keynote address about the revival of civil society in America.

"Democracy's Challenge: Reclaiming the Public's Role," will be held at 7 p.m., at St. Cecilia Music Society, at 24 Ransom St. in Grand Rapids. The event is free and open to the public. Advocates for Senior Issues, is co-sponsoring the event, with a grant from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. A community and student panel will conclude the event.

For information on either event, call the Hauenstein Center at x12770 or visit www.all-presidents.org.

Parenting group for dads to meet

"What Daddies Do Best," a parenting support group, will meet Thursday, September 18, from noon-1 p.m. in Lake Ontario Hall, room 167.

The group for faculty and staff members who are fathers is sponsored by Work Life Connections and the Children's Enrichment Center. For more information, contact Sue Sloop at x12215 or Sharalle Arnold at x15437.

Fireside Chats bring diverse women together

With a goal to build relationships among diverse women, Fireside Chat participants will meet monthly, beginning Friday, September 19, at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201. New faculty and staff members are welcome.

The informal meetings are sponsored by the Women's Commission and Positive Black Women. Sue Sloop, Work Life Connections consultant and Women's Commission member, said the gatherings are focused on storytelling and learning about different ethnicities.

Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches. For more information, send an e-mail to Sloop at sloops@gvsu.edu.

Shakespeare's lost play focus of lecture

Stephen Greenblatt, one of the world's most influential Shakespeare scholars and cultural theorist, will give a humorous and insightful exploration of the 400-year-old mystery surrounding Shakespeare's lost play.



Stephen Greenblatt

On Wednesday, September 24, Greenblatt will present, "Cultural Mobility: The Strange Case of Shakespeare's 'Cardenio.'" The event, at the Eberhard Center, second floor, is free and open to the public. It is presented as the university's Fall Arts Celebration Distinguished Academic Lecture, in conjunction with Grand Valley's 15th annual Shakespeare Festival.

Greenblatt is known as the founder of "new historicism," which views literature as cultural formations shaped by the social energies of the time, and is hailed as the most influential strand of criticism in the past 25 years. The professor of humanities at Harvard University previously taught at the University of California, Berkeley, for 28 years and has lectured around the world.

Greenblatt's version of "Cardenio" is both a major academic accomplishment and a delightful diversion from his more serious work. It is inspired by a legendary play Shakespeare wrote that was performed at court in London twice in 1613, then disappeared without any trace of written text. Greenblatt's collaboration with the distinguished playwright Charles Mee not only concocted a modern romantic comedy set in Italy, but in doing so also encourages others to adapt classic literature to a local culture.

For more information about the Fall Arts Celebration, call x12180 or visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts.

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Mark Gillette, assistant professor of physician assistant studies, said Grand Valley nursing and health communications students helped interview "patients" and assess their needs.

The drill also used rooms at CHS as overflow from hospitals and tested the registration system at Spectrum Health.

United Way provides the power of community

Julie Guevara, Grand Valley's assessment and accreditation officer, is passionate about supporting the university's United Way campaign because it allows her to help build a stronger community. She said she plans to support this year's campaign, which runs October 1-15.

"There's a real sense of community that grows from giving in a collective kind of way," Guevara said. "I think that everybody wants to be helpful, but people don't always know where to start."



Julie Guevara

Guevara's belief in the value of collective giving stems in part from her belief in collective responsibility. "Part of being a member of a community is being responsible for the other people who live in that community and making sure their essential needs are met," Guevara said.

With the current state of Michigan's economy, it's more important than ever to support the

United Way campaign, Guevara said. "United Way gives hope to people in a crisis, and many people in Michigan are facing crises. Home foreclosures are on the rise, homelessness among single mothers with young children has increased and people are simply struggling to support their families basic needs," she said.

Just because Guevara is a staunch supporter of United Way, that doesn't mean she always agrees with its policies. She said she has had disagreements with United Way over the years, such as when the organization required funded agencies to sign an anti-terrorism pledge in the wake of September 11.

"I was very disappointed in United Way," Guevara said. "I think they were making a rule for the exception."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Sept. 15

10 a.m.: Pew Campus Blood Drive. DEV and CHS. Call x17220 for more information.

Tues., Sept. 16

Noon: Women's Commission hosts Fall Welcome Reception. 2204 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

Wed., Sept. 17

Noon: Arts at Noon Series. Anna Skalova, violin, and Dmitri Vorobiev, piano. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Noon: Women's Center hosts Her Story with Jeanne Arnold. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Call x18655 for more information.

2 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. "Dynamic/Everyday Leadership," by Daniel Mulhern. 2204 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

4 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month Event. "Latino Votes," by Maria Echaveste. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

7 p.m.: Hauenstein Center hosts "McCain vs. Obama?" Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12770 for more information.

Thurs., Sept. 18

All Day: United Way Day of Caring. Call

x12748 for more information.

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17337 for more information.

10 a.m.: School of Communications hosts "A Team of Their Own, the Grand Rapids Chicks," by Frank Boring. Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids. Call x13668 for more information.

11 a.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month Event. Hispanic Art Experience. 2215/2216 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Ask the Experts Panel." 1104 KC. Call x13659 for more information.

Noon: Work Life Connections Parent Support Group, "What Daddies Do Best." 167 LOH. Call x12215 for more information.

3 p.m.: AWRI Seminar. "Migratory Fishes as Functional Linkages," by Alex Flecker. LMC Muskegon. Call x13749 for more information.

4 p.m.: Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts Intercultural Student Reception. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

7 p.m.: Hauenstein Center hosts Constitution Day Forum. St. Cecilia's Music Society, Grand Rapids. Call x12770 for information.

Fri., Sept. 19

1 p.m.: Women's Commission hosts Fireside Chats. 2201 KC. Call x15437 for information.

Sat., Sept. 20

8:30 a.m.: Family Day 5K. KC Lobby. Call

x13659 for more information.

5 p.m.: University Club hosts Tailgate Party. Blue Irwin Lot. Call x13592 for more information.

Mon., Sept. 22

Noon: Work Life Connections Alzheimer's Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Sports

Tues., Sept. 16

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Ferris State University.

Fri., Sept. 19

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Michigan Tech University.

Sat., Sept. 20

4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Northern Michigan University.

7 p.m.: Football hosts Ferris State University.

Sun., Sept. 21

Noon: Women's Golf hosts Ashland University.

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But that didn't deter her from supporting the campaign. "Just because I disagree with United Way on that issue, that doesn't mean I withdrew my support. United Way's work is critical to the health of our communities," she said.

Nominations due for faculty awards

The deadline for nominations for faculty awards is approaching. Check with respective dean's offices for deadlines.

Information for the following awards can be found at www.gvsu.edu/ftlc: Outstanding Teacher Award, Pew Teaching Excellence Award, Pew Teaching with Technology Award,

Pew Teaching Excellence Award for Part-Time Faculty, Pew Excellence Award for Library Faculty.

Information for Distinguished Contribution in a Discipline Award can be found at www.gvsu.edu/research_dev. Information for these awards can be found at www.gvsu.edu/facultyhandbook (page 120): Outstanding University Service Award, and Outstanding Community Service Award.

Most awards will be presented at the Faculty Awards Convocation scheduled for February 5.

Blood pressure part of Know Your Numbers

President Thomas J. Haas has his blood pressure

checked at the Campus Wellness office in the Fieldhouse. Blood pressure is one of tests that will be conducted during the "Know Your Numbers" clinical health risk assessments that will take place on all campuses October 13-24.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Faculty and staff members can call (800) 840-6100 to schedule an appointment for the free screening. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness and click on "Know Your Numbers GVSU."